

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1226
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John H. Robinson of
Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John H. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an active community leader and volunteer for more than sixty years, John H. Robinson served during World War II and was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, "Gentle Jim" or simply "Robbie" were common nicknames given to him by friends and associates who knew him well; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Knoxville in 1940, Mr. Robinson immediately joined Logan Temple AME Zion Church, where he met his future wife, Eddie Mae Cannon; John H. Robinson served for more than twenty-five years as Logan Temple's Sunday School Superintendent, and he continued in this capacity long after part of its congregation formed First AME Zion, where he served as treasurer of the Board of Trustees and sang in the choir; in recent years, he was also actively affiliated with the Magnolia Avenue United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate man, Mr. Robinson worked ardently to improve the Knoxville community in many ways, committing his time and talents to such diverse organizations as: the Cansler Branch YMCA, the Neighborhood Housing Services Organization, the Love Kitchen, the Shannondale Singers, Singing Seniors at O'Conner, the Voyager's Travel/Youth Scholarship Organization, and the Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, John H. Robinson always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-four years, Eddie, and he was a caring and supportive father to his late son, John Christopher Robinson; daughter, Bonnie and her husband James Smith; son, Philip and his wife Lila Robinson; and daughter, Gloria and her husband Keith Norman; he will be remembered as an adoring grandfather by his granddaughter, Pia Smith-Sands and her husband David; and Brianna Robinson; and

WHEREAS, John H. Robinson is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Jaden Christopher and Marley Bleu; brother-in-law, Henry C. and his wife Jean Ann Canon; three nephews; two nieces; and two cousins, including Helen K. Watson and Audrey Jackson Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of this estimable community leader, volunteer, and veteran, Mr. John H. Robinson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of John H. Robinson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.